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SUBJECT Arrival of New Tanks in Caucasus

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1. Large numbers of new tanks have been arriving in the Caucasus lately. They are probably identical with those which reached Krasnodar ~~612~~ north of Tbilisi (Tiflis), toward the end of Nov 1953. Characteristics of these tanks are as follows:

Weight - 20 tons

Armament - 75 mm gun in central turret

Four 37 mm machine guns; one on each side, one forward, one rear

Motor - 12 cylinders, 350 hp.

Speed - Rather dubiously reported as 60 kilometers

Crew - Eight men

Long has equipment for orientation, radio, telescope

ARMOR - 25 mm

2. Hundreds of new tanks, presumably like these, are reported. They are said to have been tried out with satisfactory results.

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